With the success in NELP rounds, ONGC acreage holding has also increased covering an area of 5,65,615 sq. km. of exploration acreage and 10,968 sq. km. of mining leases.

(d) ONGC have informed the Ministry that the Corporation has made nineteen finds, eight oil and eleven gas finds, during last three years (2001-04), out of which seventeen finds are estimated for commercial hydrocarbons and only two gas finds are under further evaluation prior to assessment. Of these nineteen finds, six on land finds are on production/ trial production, two offshore finds are planned for development and remaining finds are under various stages of delineation.

(e) Government have been reviewing and monitoring the performance of all organisations under its control, including ONGC . The process of such review and monitoring is a continuous one, and *inter-alia,* deals with ONGC concentrating on, but not necessarily confining itself, to its core areas of competence.

MoU between ONGC and Gujarat Government

1258. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has entered into a MoU with the Government of Gujarat to establish a large power plant at Dahej in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government/ONGC in this regard;

(c) the likely date of commissioning of the power plant; and

(d) what portion of the power would be used for captive consumption and what portion would be available for other users in the area?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has signed a MoU with the Government of Gujarat to facilitate development of the required infrastructure for ONGC's value addition projects in the Special Economic Zone at Dahej. The projects are at a conceptual stage.

However, ONGC has not signed any agreement with the State Government for establishing a gas-based power plant.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Import of petroleum products

†1259. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of crude petroleum and its products has been constantly increasing for the last three years;

(b) if so, the total value of crude petroleum and its products imported during the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, separately; and

(c) the percentage of cost of their import for each year as against the total cost of import of the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The value (in million US $) of crude oil and petroleum products imported during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 and its percentage share in total imports are as under:

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Import of crude oil and products	14146.0	17581.0	20382.0
Share in total imports (Per cent)	27.5%	28.6%	26.5%

Transportation of gas from Middle East

1260. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.